

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claim 1 has been amended as discussed below. Claims 50 and 57 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-4, 12, 21, 23, 25, 28, 33, 36, 39, 42, 46, 48, and 49 are pending.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The Examiner points out that the definition of variables X and Y in Formula VIIa include -NR, which only fills two of the three valencies of nitrogen. Claim 1 has been amended to recite -NR₂. This is an obvious typographical error. A skilled artisan would have readily recognized that -NR is missing a substituent and assumed that it was a second R group, especially since the X and Y groups in formula (VIIa), such as halogen and the substituted amino group (-NR), are leaving groups and amino groups of the formula NR₂ are well known leaving groups. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim 57 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by International Publication No. WO 00/39112. Claim 57 has been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

Claim 50 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over International Publication No. WO 00/39112. Claim 50 has been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

In view of the above amendments, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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